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PILGRIMAGE GOES TO MESA TEMPLE

The fundamental idea of the Christian pilgrimage was that Diety exercised a benevolent influence, operating through sacred media in some definite building or locality. Every Christian in the middle ages yearned to make a pilgrimage to some hallowed shrine, usually traveling on foot with or without pack animals for a thousand miles or more. It took months and even years to make these trips, but not so with this pilgrimage. It left Oakland December 26, 1933, transported by special train. The pilgrims were too busy arranging the details of their temple work to take much time for recreation, although much had been provided.

Twenty-four hours after leaving, the group was met at the Mesa depot by a great crowd and a brass band. With eager hearts and happy faces they were soon shaking hands with the saints of Maricopa Stake, addresses of welcome and instruction followed. The committees on both sides had done their work well. Within three hours the temple ordinances were under way, and continued for the following two days, three sessions daily, besides the sealings and testimony meetings. About 811 baptism and 500 endowments besides sealings, etc., were performed. (The exact figures will not be available until later.)

Did you ever attend a testimony meeting where the whole edifice, and the hearts of the people, were filled to the melting point with the Spirit of the Lord? If not, you will probably fail to get the vision of the two testimony meetings held in the temple. Hearts were aglow, and the faces of all who were present radiated with the Spirit. Humility, and love burning within, marked the testimonies, as marvelous as they were humble. Tears of joy stood in the eyes of many, and, as one looked into the benevolent features of the temple workers, one knew that God's servants presided there.

After the first meeting and for all the rest of the stay in the temple, every one seemed to love every one else. I have never seen such good will and love for one another exemplified. The writer cannot tell what he saw and felt and heard, it was all too impressive, it must be experienced to be understood. If one could always live in the spiritual atmosphere of the temple—sin, iniquity, malice, hatred, and kindred tendencies would be banished, and Satan bound. Afterwards many testified that the evil tendencies seemed to be purged from their natures, and nothing but good will and love for fellowmen and God remained.

An interesting and sacred ceremony was performed when Joseph L. (Jay) Brown and Elsie Cherrington were sealed for all time in holy matrimonv. On Saturday the people of the Maricopa Stake took the visitors to see the prehistoric ruins, the ancient canals, the hieroglyphics on stone, etc. I wish space would permit to tell of that grand old man, President Udall, and what he said, and of President Lesueur, who stated that this was the largest, and had come from the farthest of any pilgrimage which had come to the Mesa Temple. (There were 124 pilgrims.)

The pilgrimage concluded with a splendid pageant. The joy and happiness lasted all the way home and amid songs and happiness the train arrived in Oakland January 2, 1934. The friends formed on the trip will be lasting. Money cannot buy such joy. (Almost 2000 miles of happiness.)

MORMONISM!

"Mormonism" is a system which was understood by the ancients, and restored to us by revelation. And if carried out, what will it do? It will simply fulfill the sayings of the prophets, both ancient and modern, put down all wickedness, abuse, misrule, oppression, ignorance, darkness and tyranny, and restore mankind to righteousness, truth, liberty, law and government, in which the Lord's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. That is what Mormonism will do when carried out.

—Parley P. Pratt.

HUGH ANDERSON IS NEW STAKE CLERK

According to a recent announcement, Reed S. Gardner, Stake Clerk, has resigned the position he has held since the organization of the Stake, July 10, 1927. Due to his added responsibilities at the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley, Elder Gardner found it impossible to continue the increasing detail as clerk of the Stake.

The Stake Presidency, reluctant to lose the services of this capable and efficient officer, finally were persuaded to accede to his wishes.

Hugh P. Anderson, former ward clerk of Berkeley, has been named to succeed Elder Gardner as Stake Clerk. He will be sustained at the coming Stake conference.

The Stake Presidency publicly express their appreciation for the loyal devotion and services of Elder Gardner.

SCOUT LEADER

Irving Beasley has been chosen as Stake Scout leader for the East Bay wards. Elder Beasley who is member of the Oakland Scout Council, is eminently fitted by talent and training to direct the local scouting. During his missionary labors in Germany a few years ago, he organized and directed a marvelous group of boys for the Church. As a student he has been closely associated with the incomparable Oscar Kirkham.

We hail you, Elder Beasley, to Stake work!

WARD CONFERENCES

Ward conferences have been scheduled by the Stake Presidency for the next two months as follows:

January 14—Mission.
January 28—San Francisco.
February 11—Dimond.
February 18—Berkeley.
February 25—Balboa.

Conferences were held during December in Oakland and Sunset wards.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The following greeting was given as a two and a quarter minute talk in the Oakland Sunday School December 31, by Frederick Allan Jordan, age 9. Master Jordan gave it like a veteran, to the delight of all present, and is here printed at the request of President Macdonald:

Few years have received a warmer welcome than Miss 1934 will receive. That is because many people have suffered physical and mental and even spiritual anguish during the year which is just now veiling her face and walking into that land from which no past years ever return except in memory. People who have not actually suffered have lived in fear of suffering. All look with longing if not with hollow eyes upon the approaching days, hoping that they will be no worse than those which have walked by.

And yet Miss 1933 was a lovely thing, after all. Never has a year been so consistently beautiful. Beginning with a lovely winter, she followed with ideal spring, gorgeous summer, full-throated fall and mild and tender winter. Nature was at her best: only men and women were out of tune—too confused to enjoy what the year had brought.

So, hello, 1934. We have a feeling that you will be bright, beautiful, winsome, free-hearted and kind. We fear only the men and women. We have been struggling so selfishly, trampling under foot the finest gifts of all, confused by the rattle of coins that we may not have learned our lesson yet; or if we have, we may not be able to get a new program started quickly enough to take advantage of your days.

Let us try to get straight with the universe and not dash ourselves to pieces upon the shoals cast up by broken laws. One who is wiser than we said:

"No man can serve two masters:
"For either he will hate the one, and love the other,
"Or else he will hold to the one and despise the other.
"Ye cannot serve God and money."

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

STAKE CONFERENCE SET FOR JANUARY

Stake conference has been set for Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21. Visitors from Salt Lake will be present.

There will be some slight changes in the usual sessions, as the general theme will be "priesthood work." The Saturday evening session will include a grand stake musical, featuring the radio and musical star, Eddie Peabody, and his banjo. He will be assisted by other instrumental and vocal artists. This special musical entertainment is being presented by a committee from the High Council, John Soelberg, I. B. Ball and Delbert F. Rock.

The program scheduled for the usual Saturday evening meeting will be given Sunday evening in the Oakland Chapel. A preaching service will be held in San Francisco Sunday evening in the Hayes Street Chapel. Special programs will be presented at all sessions Sunday, musical numbers being arranged by the Stake Music Committee.

PEARSON LEADS LEAGUE

A dispatch from New York which was printed in the newspapers of December 21 said in part:

"Pitching in the American League becomes more effective year by year.

"Monte Pierson, the young Californian who was purchased from the Oakland Club of the Pacific Coast League and was farmed to Toledo of the American Association and did not report back to Cleveland until July 5, appeared in 19 games, won 10 and lost only five. He lead the league in effectivenss."

This means that Monte Pearson, a member of the Church from Oakland, was the greatest pitcher in the American League during the 1933 season.

He lived up to his Church doctrines and was rewarded.

TITHING

By Ellen L. Sanders

The earth is God's, its gems and gold,
Its joys and blessings manifold;
His words suffice to raise the dead,
And turn the very stones to bread.
All that I am, all that I have,
Comes from His liberal hand divine;
One faithful tenth of what I gain,
He bids me render back again.
Shall I refuse in selfish greed,
That tenth which the Lord has need
To fill His store—His poor to bless,
But more, to prove my faithfulness!
That tenth's not mine to give or lend,
It is not mine to keep or spend;
It is a test divinely given,
To prove my soul is worthy heaven!

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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Be Of Good Cheer

If temporal distress has laid a heavy hand upon you, be of good cheer, for life's greatest values remain. Your balanced accounts will show a great preponderance of joy over sorrow. Adduce the facts and be appeased, for in this generation the heavens opened anew, and God stood revealed. Knowledge, long lost, was restored. Truth came also up out of the dust, a new witness for God, and great revelations continued from on high. A marvelous work and a wonder began a blaze of Celestial light, while mighty angels descended from the throne of Grace, and power and authority were given sufficient to officiate in all the ordinances of the Gospel for all mankind, living or dead.

The primitive organization of the Church was restored, with spiritual gifts as abundant as before. Faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, with wisdom and treasures of knowledge, are available. With arms extended the Mediator manifests His spirit and pleads our cause. God presides in the Heavens, and His forgiveness is as free as of old. The atoning blood of Him who suffered continues to witness Truth. Prophets, seers and revelators direct the Church according to divine will.

Hope of the kingdom of heaven has not been cut off from the poor in spirit. The mourner will be comforted. The meek will have their inheritance, and those who seek righteousness will find it. Mercy continues the reward of the merciful, and the pure in heart have assurance that they will see God, while peacemakers shall be called His children.

All men are amenable to God and the law of compensation has not been abrogated. Faithful servants of the Master shall have their reward. The seasons, seed time and harvest, continue, and the sun's rays are as powerful as before. The moon, stars, and romance continue. Mountains, valleys, plains, lakes and streams, in their majesty, quietude and music are as inspirational as in times past. Untamed nature is still animating. The beauty and aroma of flowers is as delightful as before. Perpetual laws govern the universe. Obedience insures blessings, and peace and repose are gained on the same terms as yesterday.

Health may be had and kept; love lives; the flame of patriotism burns, and America is the land of liberty, whose constitution the Lord suffered to be established.

If arrogant men subject or tyrannize you—it was so with men of old. Even the Son of Man was oppressed. He suffered beyond the power of man to endure. So be of good cheer, with patience and full obedience hold your peace. Whether sorrow be short or long, it must lead to despair, but rather through hope, faith and charity attain ultimate and final victory.

Saints, be of good cheer!

(Ward Teachers' Topic for January, written by Judge Oscar W. McConkie.)

A CONVERT'S SUGGESTION

If a convert might make so bold as to offer a suggestion, it is this—make our Sacrament meetings more interesting.

I don't mean anything bordering on the sensational, or any deliberate attempt to ape other churches with movies, having prize fighters speak or such to attract attention and draw crowds.

I know we come to Sacrament meeting to partake of the Sacrament, become eligible for the blessings thereof, and listen to instruction and information on the gospel and the Church of Christ.

But I think more diligence and effort could be shown in obtaining speakers who ARE speakers; who know their subjects and can discource upon them intelligently, with real information and light, if not with real ability and oratory.

Many Sunday nights I go to church and find no preparation has been made for speakers. On the spur of the moment someone is called from the congregation. At other times arrangements have been made for speakers of little ability. In either case the evening is practically wasted as far as enlightenment or information or inspiration are concerned.

What is the result? The result is that members sleep through the services, go home bored and inclined to stay away next Sunday. The result is that many members don't come at all, recalling unfruitful evenings of the past. The result is that young people, especially, seek some other place to spend Sunday night where there is something that will hold their interest. The result is that visitors look upon our speakers as outstanding members and go away with an unfavorable opinion of us as a group.

I know we seek to develop latent talent, to give all members a chance to speak. But I think we should develop our members in public speaking classes and other church activities until they are capable, informed and intelligent public speakers before we turn them loose on such important occasions as Sacrament meetings.

I think we are doing an injustice to the Gospel and to our members not to pay more attention to our Sacrament programs and speakers.

A CONVERT.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

A new efficiency table for 1934 has been completed by the Stake Board. This program calls for the use of "Visual Aids" to be used in the Sunday School classroom. All Sunday School workers of this stake are urged to familiarize themselves with this new table. A copy can be secured by writing the Stake Secretary.

Lena Allen, one of our Stake Board workers, has returned to her former home in Tuttle, Idaho.

Melba Parker, who has been Stake Sunday School Secretary for the past two years, has been released. A vote of thanks to Melba for her efforts.

Sister Ella B. Tugham has been selected to succeed Sister Parker. Ella's past experience as secretary for the Oakland Sunday School merits her this promotion.

Martinez wins the banner for the year 1933. This Sunday School scored over 1000 points.

At our December Union meeting Balboa and Vallejo had 100 per cent of their officers and teachers present. Congratulations to Superintendents White and Hill.

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

Happy New Year to all! We feel it surely will be happy for all Relief Society workers because of the thoughtful tasks which have been carried forward during both holidays just past, viz., Thanksgiving and Christmas. This work of helping those in need, if it be even in a small way, brings its own reward—that of soul-satisfying joy. Let none of us forget our privilege of donating to the charity fund when the visiting teachers call. They will not ask us for contribution, but how gladly they will receive it to assist in a much needed cause.

Our music department has great plans for a splendid concert sometime during the coming spring. Each one is reminded to do her part by being present at choral practice, Sunday, Januarv 14, at 1 p. m. Cleone Wilcox, stake chorister, hopes to see all ward organists and choristers, not only to choral. but to the music department held during union meeting.

A BIG CROP

A famous postcard titled "Utah's Best Crop," shows a group of baby faces.

Latter-Day-Saints had best look to their laurels.

In Grass Valley, Cal., the other day Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Kistle became the proud parents of their twentieth child, who was named Franklin Roosevelt Kistle.

There now are ten sons and ten daughters, all living and in good health.

COMMANDMENTS EQUAL

I do not know of one commandment that may be preferred before another; or of one ordinance of the house of God, from the beginning to the end of all the Lord has revealed to the children of men, that it not of equal validity, power, and authority with the rest.—Brigham Young.

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Oakland Chapel, Moss and Webster

STAKE OFFICERS' MEETING — Third Thursday, 7:45 p. m.
STAKE UNION MEETINGS—a. Priesthood, Relief Society and Primary, Second Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; b. M. I. A., Third Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; c. Sunday School, Geneological and Bishoprics, Fourth Sunday, 2:30 p. m.
STAKE CONFERENCES FOR 1933—April 22-23; July 8-9; October 21-22.

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News from Wards

OAKLAND

There is a new Bishop of the Oakland Ward — Donald Shields, born December 9. Weight, 9 pounds. Mother and babe doing well.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Bagley back to Oakland. They have been living in Portland, Oregon, for the last year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagley were planning to spend the Christmas holidays with members of their famiiy in Oakland when Mrs. Bagley took suddenly ill and was operated on for appendicitis in a hospital in Portland. She is reported as recovering nicely.

The missionary class of the Oakland Sunday School furnished the speakers and a special musical number at the Sacramental services in the Richmond Ward on Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

Ward Ingham and Ella Brown were married December 17 at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. G. A. Beuckers, President W. Aird Macdonald officiating. Ward and Ella are very popular young people of the ward and their many friends wish them a very happy married life.

Leora Brown, sister of Mrs. Eldon Rex and Josephine Brown, is here for the holidays. She brought little Richard Rex home from a visit to his grandparents in Logan, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wood have returned to Oakland for the winter. Mr. Wood has just finished a season's work as engineer in charge of U. S. construction work on road projects in northern California.

DIMOND

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cherrington announce the marriage of their daughter Elsie to Joseph L. Brown, Jr. The ceremony, which was performed by Elder James Le Seuer, took place in the Arizona Temple, Wednesday, December 27. Many parties have been planned for the young couple who are active and popular in ward affairs.

Mrs. Clyde Summerhays and her small daughter Sarah left December 31 for Provo, Utah, where they will spend the next two months.

William Walker has gone to Portland, Oregon, to make his home.

A reorganization of the ward Sunday School was effected recently, when Francis Gealte was sustained superintendent, with Clyde Summerhays and Anthon Olsen counselors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Russell are the parents of a son born December 5.

The Dimond Quartette which has provided us with much good music lately, is becoming well known throughout the Stake. Sunday, Jan. 7, they will sing over KTAB on the regular church broadcast. The personnel includes Clyde Summerhays, Herb Weiland, Parley Fish and Vaughan Lamoreaux.

Bishop and Mrs. Henry Yates of Salt Lake City recently spent several weeks at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leo Gibbs.

The Dimond basketball team which has been in intensive training for some weeks with Sam Scott as coach, is anticipating the coming tournament. Bob Loan is captain of the new lineup which will appear in new suits for the coming games. Our boys have the cup for the last year and expect to retain it. The schedule of games in which Dimond will appear and all of which wil ltake place at Oakland High School, is as follows: Jan. 3, Dimond vs. Elmhurst; Jan. 8, Dimond vs. Alameda; Jan. 17, Dimond vs. Berkeley; Jan. 22, Dimond vs. Oakland; Jan. 24, Dimond vs. Elmhurst; Jan. 31, Dimond vs. Alameda; Feb. 7, Dimond vs. Berkeley; Feb. 14, Dimond vs. Oakland. All games will commence at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Annie Curtis of Driggs, Idaho, spent the holidays at the home of her son, Clyde Curtis.

January 19 the M. I. A. will entertain at another of their splendid parties. A fine orchestra has been engaged, and a good time is promised. Anyone attending our M. I, A. parties given in the past will not miss this one.

SUNSET

Sunday evening meetings for January are as follows:

Jan. 7—M. I. A. Conjoint.
Jan. 14—Eugene Brazier, who has recently returned from the French Mission and as a special missionary to the Century of Progress in Chicago, will be speaker.
Jan. 21—Stake Conference.
Jan. 28—Jos. E. Robinson speaker.

Sunset Ward had a most enjoyable time in honoring Christmas. On the evening of the 22nd, a large party was held in the Sunset Boosters' hall. The Mutual had charge of a beautiful pageant depicting characters from the Bible. These were followed by five clever girls, the Hill-Billy-ettes, who played and sang charmingly; after which Santa Claus came, and his gifts and jolly presence made everyone happy.

On Christmas eve, at Sacrament meeting, a splendid musical program was given, with every organization contributing at least one chorus. Two stories were given also, so everyone took part and enjoyed it, being the best attended Sacrament meeting of the year.

The day after Christmas a full quota from Sunset left on the Temple caravan to Mesa. Most noteworthy was the record of the Relief Society, as all the officers went on this pilgrimage.

Miss Fannie Louise Thomsen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Thomsen, has gone to Mexico, where she will remain for a year.

Mrs. Jackie Quealy Barnato, accompanied by her husband and baby son, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Guealy, and many friends here. They are making an extended visit from their home in London, England.

W. Lennie George enjoyed a short trip to Salt Lake for Christmas with his family, who are there for the winter. On his return he was accompanied by his brother, whom we are glad to welcome here.

H. Phil Jensen also spent Christmas in Utah with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmyn W. Williams and little daughter have moved to San Mateo for an indefinite stay. We miss them, but hope their health will be improved by the change.

Mrs. Inez Suhlsen and two little daughters are visiting in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Christensen have as their guest Mrs. Christensen's father, Mr. Engh.

We were happy to have the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton at our Sacrament meeting, who were here visiting their sons.

The Junior Girls of the M. I. A. had a mothers' and daughters' party on the evening of December 11. Besides the girls' mothers the officers of the Y. L. M. I. A. and Clarissa Mahoney, the class leader, were present. They were all enthusiastic over the clever way the girls presented the program, and served the refreshments.

ELMHURST

The Sunday School sponsored the Christmas party for the children of the ward Friday evening, December 22. A fine program of songs and stories by the children preceded the appearance of Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to all.

Ida Bischoff of Lovell, Wyo., is spending the holidays with her uncle, Don J. Allphin and family.

The M. I. A. sponsored a successful dance Friday night, December 8. Music was furnished by the California Colleens of Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudius Tolman of Honeyville, Utah, were Christmas visitors with his brother, N. G. Tolman and family.

E. Kaye Hanks of the California Mission was the speaker at special Christmas program given by the Sunday School December 24.

Among those who spent the Xmas holidays in Utah were Mrs. Rena Schipper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Paine, and Mrs. Horace J. MacFarlane and children.

Pilgrimage visitors to the Arizona Temple from the ward included Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brummet, Mrs. Horace J. MacFarlane, Mrs. Henry F. White and Mrs. Sadie Apedaile and daughter.

VALLEJO

Mr. Browmell Z. Cox of the Sunday School Stake Board and Mrs. Cox and small daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire at their home on El Dorado Street on Sunday, December 10, when Brother Cox was the evening speaker at the Vallejo Branch of the Church.

Mr. Charles Carr, president of the S. F. Stake Missionaries, and Mrs. Carr, accompanied by their son Stanley, who recently returned from a mission to the Eastern States, were the guests of their son, Mr. Elmer Carr, branch president. During the evening Sacrament meeting President Charles and Stanley were the speakers and were enjoyed by all present.

Members of Vallejo Branch are sympathizing with Mrs. Minnie Tyler, one of our faithful members, who has two daughters living in Kelso, Washington, the recently flooded area, and are anxiously awaiting some encouraging news concerning their welfare.

Vallejo Branch was given a real treat in having Mr. Rock of the Stake High Council and Mr. Stone, accompanied by their wives, as visitors on the evening of December 17. They accepted the pulpit at the evening Sacrament service.

Many friends of Miss Helen Ann Cheshire, former Vallejo S. S. organist, are delighted at receiving cheerful Christmas greetings from her from Salt Lake City.

Vallejo S. S. gave a delightful Christmas entertainment after Sunday School December 24, under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Murdock and Miss Cora Petersen. Songs, readings and musical numbers by the little ones were greatly enjoyed by all, after which the children were presented with a bag of goodies which Santa had left under a prettily decorated Christmas tree.

Vallejo sent 100 per cent officers and teachers to Union meeting. We mean business this year.

Marriages

CHERRINGTON-BROWN—Elsie Cherrington to Joseph L. Brown, Jr., of Dimond, in Arizona Temple, December 27, Elder James Le Seuer officiating.
INGHAM-BROWN—Ward Ingham and Ella Brown, from the East Bay, December 17, in Oakland, President W. Aird Macdonald officiating.

Births

BIRTHS
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Russell of Dimond, December 5.
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marceyes of Richmond.
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd and Eva Loumis of Hayward, December 18.
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Sabina Constance of Mission.
DAUGHTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Eric Waldhouse of Berkeley.
SON—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin of Martinez, November 30.
SON—To Bishop and Mrs. John Shields of Oakland, December 9.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

BERKELEY

The Bishopric of the Berkeley Ward extend best wishes for a happy New Year to every one.

Miss Isabel Banning, an active member of our ward, who is attending the University of California, was recently admitted to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa. This sorority is a national honor society of the College of Letters and Sciences. Isabel is to be congratulated on this attainment, which has come because of her high scholastic standing in her school work.

Mrs. Alfred Powell of Vernal, Utah, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Moosman. Mrs. Powell is the mother of Mrs. Moosman.

We are happy to announce the birth of a fine baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Waldhouse.

A girl was born to Sabina Constance at the St. Francis Hospital last month.

The Ward Priesthood sent Herbert T. Edgar $13 as a Christmas reminder of their wishes for a successful mission. Herbert sent a Christmas card to the ward members.

Bishop and Mrs. Fred Merrill entertained at a family reunion December 26, their four sons and four daughters, including their families, twenty-one being present.

Mission Primary Association gave a very successful Christmas party Wednenday, December 20, about 85 children being present besides the parents and officers.

Funeral services for Sister Rivard were held Thursday, December 28, at the parlors of Gantner-Felder & Kenny, 1965 Market Street, Counselor Hyrum Mecham in charge.

The Sunday School had a fine Christmas tree, Santa Claus and program December 24, about 275 being present. The Boy Scouts under the direction and help of Scoutmaster Merrick E. Munger, furnished 150 wooden toys, mounted on wheels, all kinds of animals; they had cut them out of wood, painted them different colors, and then in uniform helped Santa Claus give them to the children. The Sunday School and Scout Patrol are certainly to be commended as well as some of the committee who helped.

The M. I. A. officers of the Mission Ward wish to extend a very happy New Year's greeting to the Mutuals of the Stake and hope that the warmest feelings will exist between all wards.

M. I. A. Dates to Remember

Jan. 7—Conjoint. Jan. 8—Debate. Alice Hargrove and Art Matheson are captains of the teams, so we guarantee a very interesting debate. Come and hear it. Jan. 19—Dance which we are giving jointly with the San Francisco Ward at 1649 Hayes Street. Splendid music and special features. Jan. 29—Travelogue featuring the Hawaiian Islands and Russia, dancing and singing. Feb. 4—Conjoint. West Bay Choir will sing and Reed Veterlie, chief crime agent for California and the Hawaiian Islands, has promised to be our speaker.

MARTINEZ

A son was born November 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Taylor and family of Santa Cruz, former Martinez Ward members, were recent visitors at our Sunday School.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shipley back in our ward again.

Brother Hicken of the High Council was the speaker in Sacrament meeting December 3. Brother Z. Cox and Sister Humphreys, Stake missionaries, were speakers in Sacrament meeting December 17.

There was a large attendance at the bazaar held by the Relief Society on December 12. A buffet supper was served during the evening.

Mrs. M. Storey has returned to her home in Ogden, Utah, after visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Guyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robison are entertaining the former's parents from Idaho during the holidays.

The Christmas party was held Friday evening, December 22. A fine program was presented and Santa was there with gifts for all the children.

A new Sunday School superintendency has been organized with Bert Guyman as superintendent and Calvin Shipley and W. Bradbury as assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Lafayette and Mrs. M. Bunce and Mrs. Frieda Brey of Martinez joined the Stake Pilgrimage to Mesa.

MISSION

H. E. Giles of Los Angeles visited his son, Henry Evan Giles, during the holidays.

January 14—Ward Conference.

January 28—Primary Conference.

Ernest I. Semeran, who has been in the Franklin Hospital the past month, is much better.

Chas. Olsen is seriously ill in the Southern Pacific Hospital.

Joseph C. Earnshaw, who has been seriously ill in the St. Mary's Help Hospital for the past two weeks, is much better.

BALBOA

On December 5 the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers were entertained at the home of Mrs. Erma Williams on Marston Avenue.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership in Sea Scout activities, Clyde Pearson has received an executive appointment in the San Francisco Council of the Boy Scouts of America, effective Jan. 1, 1934.

Mr. Pearson will have charge of all Sea Scout activities and equipment for the district. He will be located at Scout Headquarters, 755 Market St., San Francisco, and Yacht Harbor.

By special assignment he will also have charge of the Church Scout troops in the San Francisco district for the local council.

Mrs. Nellie Evans has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Ashby on Marston Avenue.

We are happy to have with us again Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hunt and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown. These people were all members of the ward some two years ago. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Brown are both active in Primary work.

The Sunday School and Primary gave a special children's program celebrating Christmas on December 24. In the evening a demonstration featuring the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith was given by the missionary class directed by Frieda Pietsch. The musical numbers were Christmas carols by the singers of the ward. The ward officers gave a surprise by singing some special numbers.

The M. I. A. gave their regular monthly dance on December 27, with the usual record attendance. These dances have all been given free from admission charge and the financing has been worked out by a plan of the Mutuals themselves.

Scout Troop 30 has registered for the year 1934 with twelve boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Thomas and family are visiting with their daughter and her husabnd, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown.

Geo. Simister and Edgar L. Williams rounded up a flock of carolists on Christmas Eve after church, and serenaded our good people living in Visitacion Valley and at South City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Uhlig, Mrs. Frieda Pietsch, Mrs. Rosina Rovegna, Mr. James Berry and daughters, Miss Eva and Edith, have returned from a wonderful week spent on the Mesa Temple trip.

Carl Ballintyne, former stake chorister, and his mother, Mrs. Jed Ballintyne, spent Christmas with Carl's little son Don and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Helme.

HAYWARD

Wonderful spiritual talks were given by President Sarah H. Carruth and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fitzpatrick on December 3. Supt. A. Seldon Millward and Mr. and Mrs. McKean of the Stake S. S. Board were our visiting speakers December 10. Their presence and fine talks added greatly to revive our Sunday School work.

Dr. Leo J. Parry has recently returned from Salt Lake City after being called to administer aid to his father who was very ill, but is now on the road to recovery.

Thanks to Carl Kjar and Ray Lindsay of the Stake High Council for discourses they delivered on December 17, at our preaching service.

Floyd and Eva Loumis are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wells and baby, La Rae, of Upper Lake, are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wills.

Mrs. Mary Webb of San Francisco spent Christmas with her son, President Clifford E. Johnston, in Hayward. Mrs. Webb joined the temple pilgrimage to Mesa.

Mr. Leonard Phister, Sr., and son Ronald narrowly escaped death after the car in which they were riding overturned in Crow Canyon.

Friends of President Leonard J. Phister's wife Joy will be sorry to hear of her illness of the past month.

Dail Phister spent Christmas with relatives in Woodside and Menlo Park.

Mr. Oliver Lewis of San Francisco spent Christmas with his brother, Joseph R. Lewis, in Hayward.

We are pleased to have Brother William E. Bailey back in our branch. We also hope that his work in the future will enable him and family to be in regular attendance at Sunday School.

We wish to further announce the location of our new meeting place, which is located at 1074 B Street, in the Masonic Temple. The carpeted floor, easy chairs of the hall and warm handshake of members should encourage visits from many.

We are also the proud owners of a piano, the first unit of a new meeting house.

RICHMOND

Bishop C. M. Dewsnup and wife and Jack and Shirley spent Christmas in Sacramento with Mrs. Dewsnup's relatives.

Joe Checkett of Salt Lake has been visiting at the Albert Dietliker home in El Cerrito.

H. Bradeson of Salt Lake is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Dietliker.

Pearl Hart, counselor in the Y. L. M. I. A., is spending a few weeks in Hercules.

Leslie Tidwell has returned from Smithfield, Utah, where he was called by the illness of his father.

Blaine Haddock and family spent Christmas in Modesto, where a family reunion of Mrs. Haddock's people was held.

Christmas visitors at the Alvin Hopkins home were Glen Whittington of San Francisco, George Hopkins and Dean Beck of Logan, Utah, and Walter Mason of Truckee.

The Activity Committee of the ward should be highly congratulated on the splendid Christmas program and party they sponsored, Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

The Sunday School also gave a fine Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 24th. Stake S. S. Millward and his two counselors were present and gave short talks, also Brother Joseph Carruth of the Stake Board was present and gave an interesting Christmas talk to the children.

We are glad to announce that our Y. M. M. I. A. presidency is complete now, with A. B. Wright and C. G. Nielsen as counselors to President Albert Dietliker.

S. S. Supt. Alvin Hopkins and First Counselor Blaine Haddock are pleased to welcome W. C. Anderson as second counselor of that organization.

The families of Wallace Anderson and C. G. Nielson drove to Ogden, Utah, where they spent a week visiting relatives. They returned by the southern route because of the heavy snows the Sierras.

A baby girl has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marceyes. The mother will be remembered by her friends as Thelma Peiklasimer.

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